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In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 1652
Kazuhiko MARUTA et al.	)	Examiner: R. PROUTY
Serial No.: 09/419,305	)	Washington, D.C.
Filed: October 15, 1999	)	December 4, 2002
For: RECOMBINANT THERMOSTABLE	)	Confirmation No. 1038
ENZYME WHICH...	)	
	)	<b>BY HANDCARRY</b>

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination following the filing of a RCE,  
please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with new amended claim 1 as  
follows below. A marked up version of the amended claim to show  
the changes made is attached hereto.

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1 (Thrice-amended). A purified recombinant thermostable  
enzyme which is similar but not identical to an enzyme having an  
amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 with regard to their amino  
acid sequences and which is obtainable from SEQ ID NO:1 by  
recombinant DNA technology, and which has the following  
physicochemical properties:

(1) Action

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